

Village of Key Biscayne
88 West McIntyre Street
Key Biscayne, FL 33149

Youth Athletics Advisory Board

Minutes

February 3, 2010

6:30 PM Village Council Chambers

Televised

1. Call to order:
 - a. Ricky Martinez, Mayra Lindsay, Gonzalo Nunez, Glen Waldman, Manny Rionda, and Jackie Kellogg were present and John Lombardi was available via conference call.
2. Agenda Review:
 - a. The Board reviewed the agenda.
3. Athletic Update:
 - a. Staff discussed the schedule going forward
 - b. Staff had forwarded the schedule to John Lombardi for evaluation of baseball field usage.
 - c. There were 4 travel baseball teams with 48 participants
 - d. Currently 77 people were enrolled in Baseball with 220 were enrolled last year.
 - e. John discussed the marketing trying to get more people enrolled
 - f. John discussed that Saturday at St. Agnes is usually allocated to baseball, but Wednesday evening may be available to Field Hockey. Therefore, field Hockey may need to go to Saturday afternoon.
 - g. The Board discussed late registrations are common and that there may be more registrations in the near future.
 - h. The board discussed extending registration through basketball season.
 - i. The Board discussed the volunteer coaches for each baseball league.
 - i. T-Ball has all of the coaches needed
 - ii. The other leagues still needs volunteer coaches and commissioner for coach pitch and mustang baseball

4. Post-Season Athletics:
 - a. Staff provided the board's recommendation regarding post-season athletics

5. Field maintenance, use and condition of fields:
 - a. Staff stated that the field was in very poor condition
 - b. Staff discussed the maintenance of the fields and the Christmas Break seed will be required in the future
 - c. Staff discussed the impacts of increased use the village's fields and the lack of use at Crandon.
 - d. The Board discussed the adult use, that is not permitted, that is also impacting the fields.
 - e. The adult allocation for field use was discussed. Thursday and Sunday mornings are available to adults from the key.
 - f. The Board discussed the use and condition of Crandon.

6. Flag Football (spring):
 - a. The Board discussed the January 26th post season flag football meeting.
 - b. The baseball programs use of 6 day a week to accommodate the volunteer coaches and the 20 teams was discussed.
 - c. Last spring the flag program took place on the Village Green south after the T-Ball programs for the 4 teams that took place.
 - d. The Board discussed the established athletic season calendar approved by the Board.
 - e. The Board discussed that issues were:
 - i. Field space
 - ii. Competing with other sports
 - iii. Adding the program in a timely manner
 - f. The Board discussed that the issues was really the ages for spring flag football
 - g. The Board discussed that the fall season provides an opportunity for all ages to play flag football.
 - h. The Board discussed the desire not to have two sports competing for the same group of kids creating a marketing competition for both sports.
 - i. The Board discussed that flag is an all volunteer program.
 - j. The times/hours that could be offered were discussed as a possible solution
 - k. The Board discussed the ages for baseball and that Mustang was 9-12 because the Bronco teams received very few registrations.

- l. The issue that the best children are playing travel baseball and that combining 10 and 12 to 13 year old participants in a baseball program where kids are pitching creates an issue.
 - m. The Board discussed raising the age groups to 16 to attract more children.
 - n. The Board discussed if there are teams like Mustang and Bronco baseball that do not get enough registration, the board may then review lowering the age for spring flag football.
 - o. **BOARD MOTION:**
 - i. Spring flag football be approved for ages 13-16
 - 1. Passed unanimously
 - p. Staff and the board will review the field allocation to provide the approved league field space
 - q. The Board discussed registration dates till March 15th with practices to spring break with games starting after spring break.
7. Soccer post season request:
- a. The Board reviewed the request provided by the soccer program
 - b. The Board discussed how the previous discussion impacted the soccer request
 - c. The Board how the soccer will impact baseball
 - d. The board discussed inviting the programs requesting spring field use to a special meeting on February 17, 2010.
 - e. The Board tabled this discussion until February 17th special meeting.